Manually Triggered Ventilator (April 2013)

Item:

Flow restricted, oxygen powered ventilation device

Classification:

- Basic Life Support procedure
- · Specified in existing regulations

Use and Level:

· Authorized for all levels of EMT as basic scope of practice.

Authority:

- Section 100063(a)(6)(E) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows EMTs to provide both manual and mechanical ventilation.
- Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations. Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California
 Code of Regulations refers to AEMTs being able to provide any activity identified in the
 scope of practice for an EMT.
- Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.

Training:

As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.

Equipment:

· Properly functioning ventilation device

Medical Direction:

Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).

Considerations and Recommendations:

Alternate forms of positive pressure ventilation are recommended in place of using a manually triggered ventilator.